

Fuel Effects on Black Carbon Mass and Number Emissions (All Results for Non-Contrail Conditions)

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Engine Thrust Varied to Study Power-Dependent Emissions





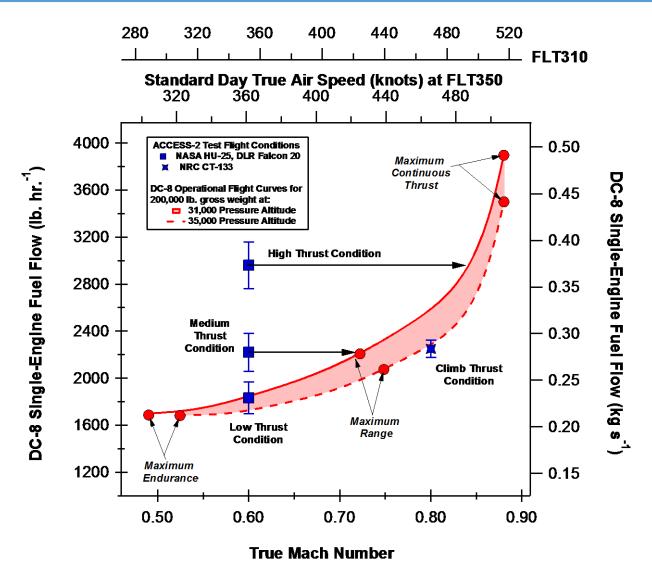
Inboard Engines Idled Back



Outboard Engines Idled Back

Varied Engine FF from ~1500 to 3000 lbs/hr, balancing Inboard/Outboard thrust to maintain constant 0.6 Mach

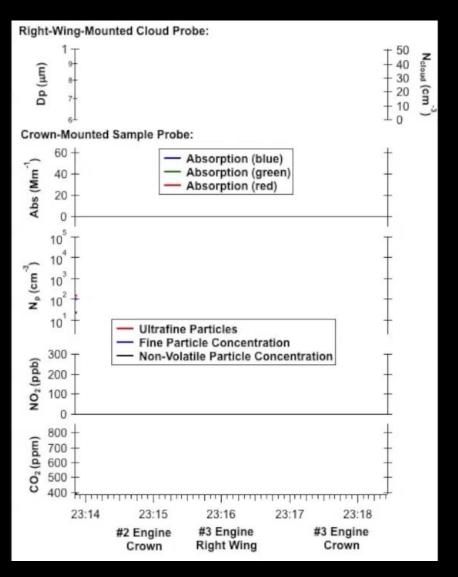
What are typical "cruise conditions" for the CFM56-2C1 Engines?



Red curve derived from cruise charts assuming 200,000 lb. gross wt. aircraft at FLT310 to FLT350.

Time Series For Typical Set of Maneuvers

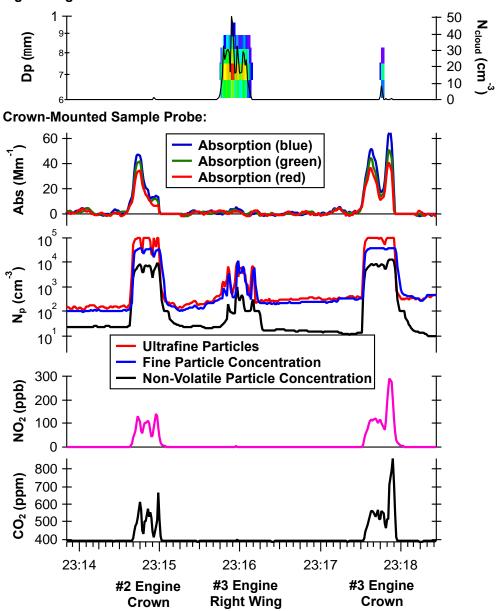






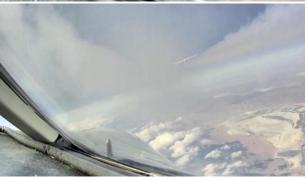
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#2 Engine Crown

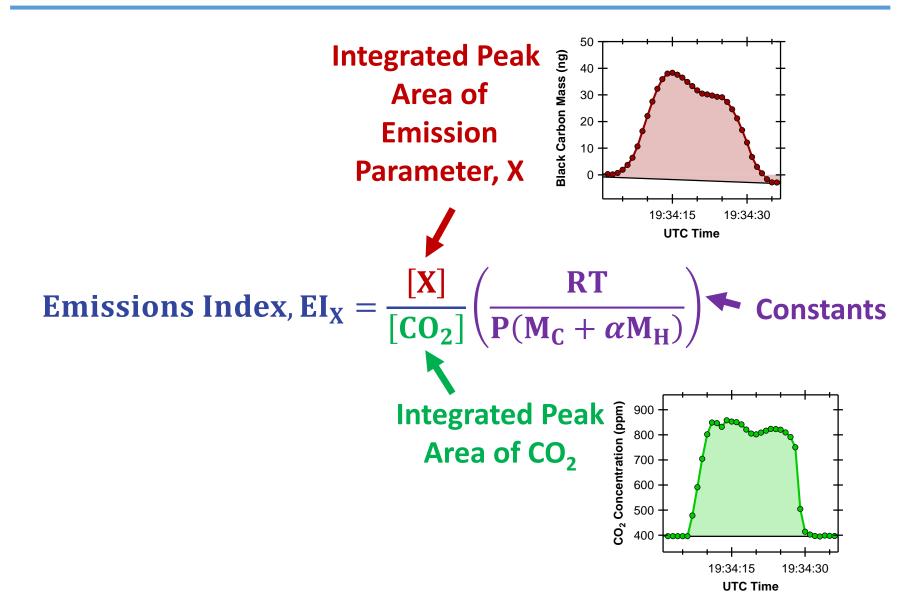


#3 Engine Right Wing



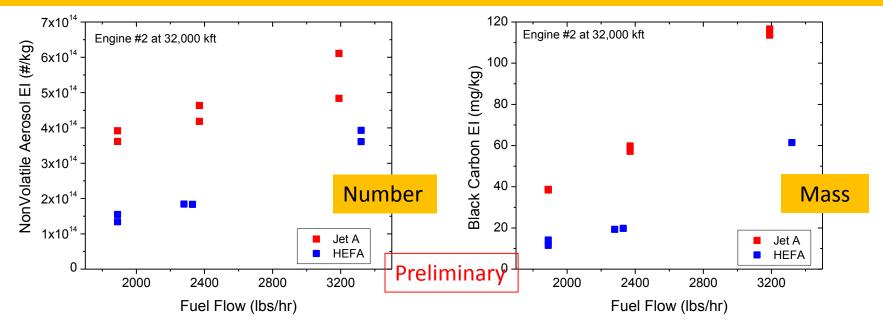
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We use CO₂ to convert measured concentrations to emissions index in order to account for differences in plume penetrations:

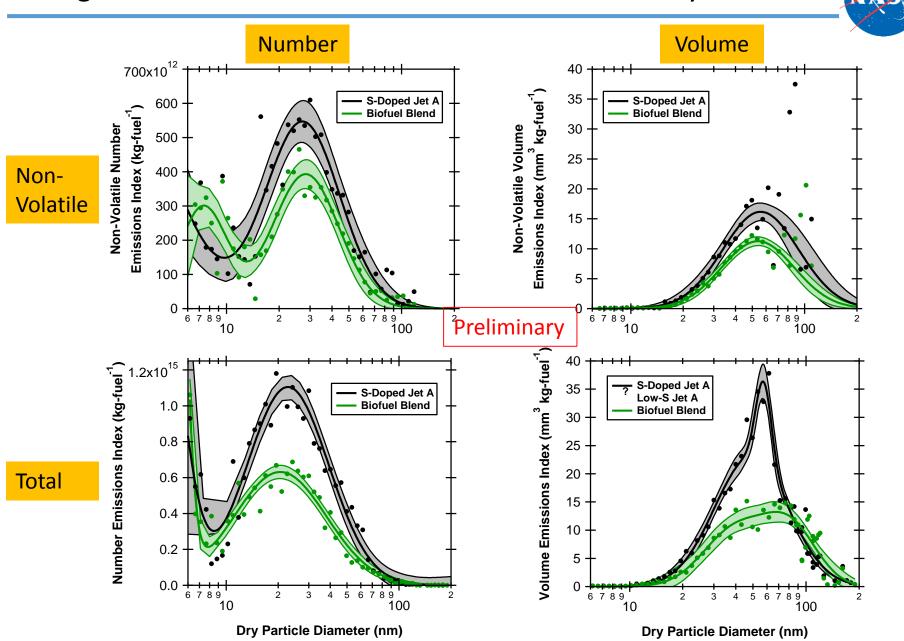




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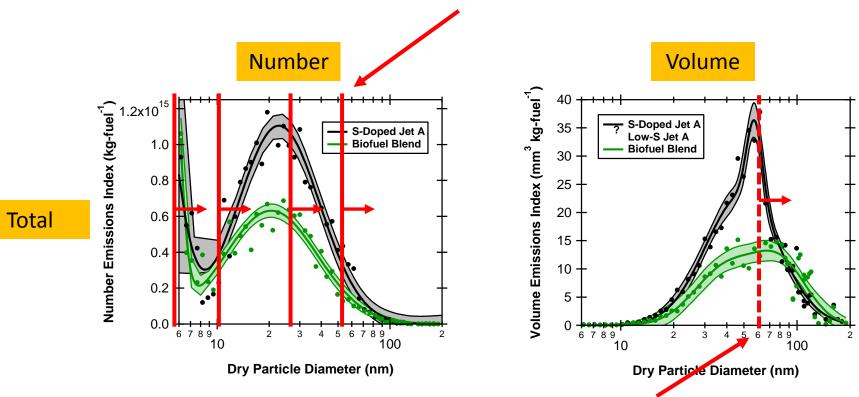


In-Flight Aerosol Size Distributions for Max. Efficiency at FLT320



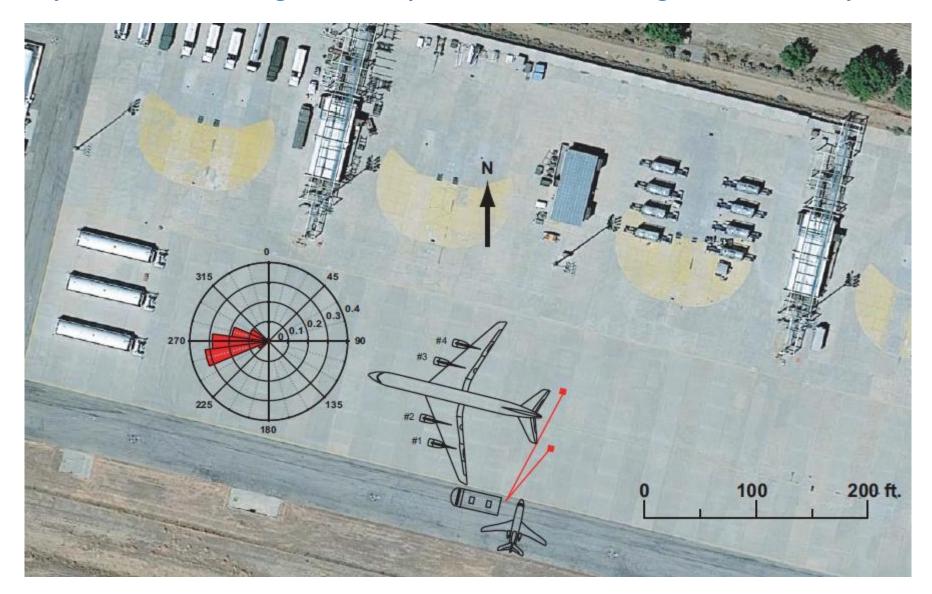
In-Flight Aerosol Size Distributions Complement Other Measurements





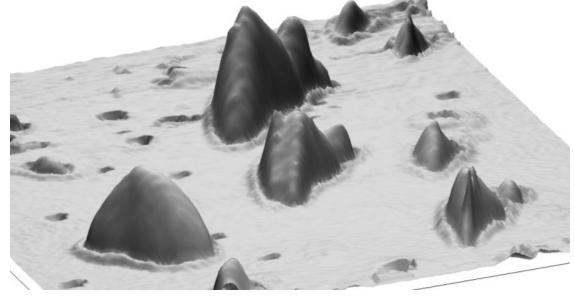
Detailed Mass Composition Measurements w/ Aerosol Mass Spectrometer on NASA HU-25 (Luke Ziemba's talk)

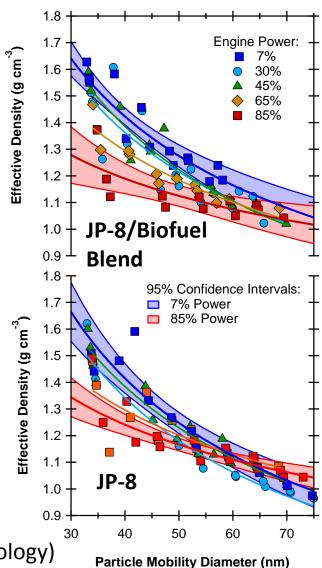
Ground testing conducted on 21 May 2014: Top-down view of the ground test pad at NASA Armstrong with wind rose plot



Additional instruments during the ground test can probe soot density and shape, but are not suitable for flight.

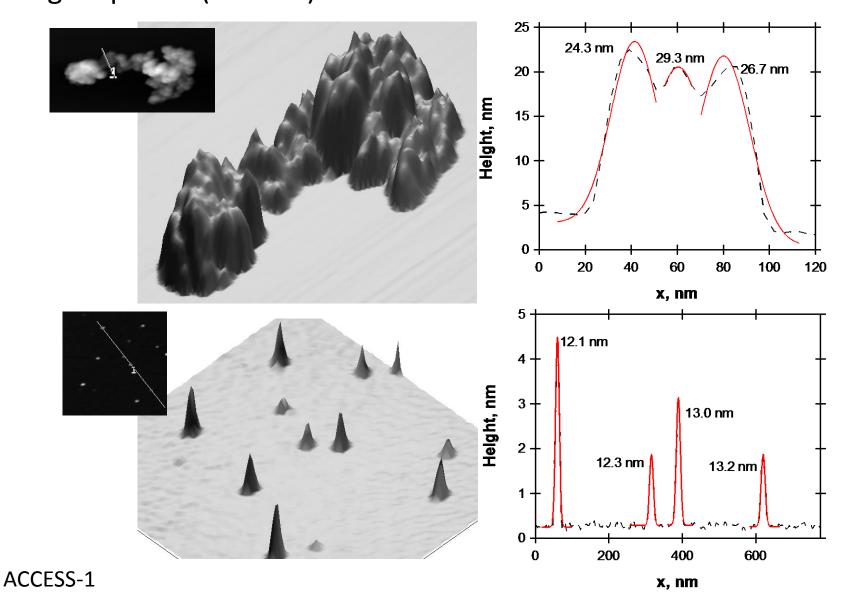
Atomic force microscopy image of soot particles, which appear to be coated with liquid organics or sulfuric acid (smooth, rounded edges)





Higher density soot observed at lower power settings (again likely due to liquid-like morphology)

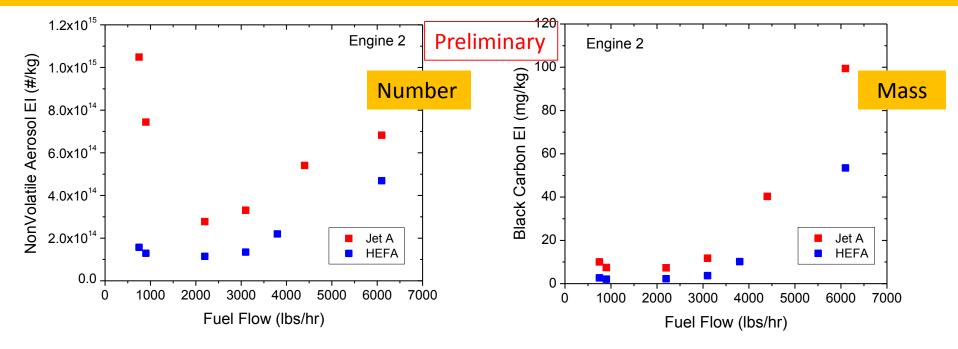
Atomic force microscopy (AFM) images of a large soot agglomerate at 45% engine power (top) and nucleation mode particles at 4% engine power (bottom).



Cruise Els Consistent with Ground Test Measurements



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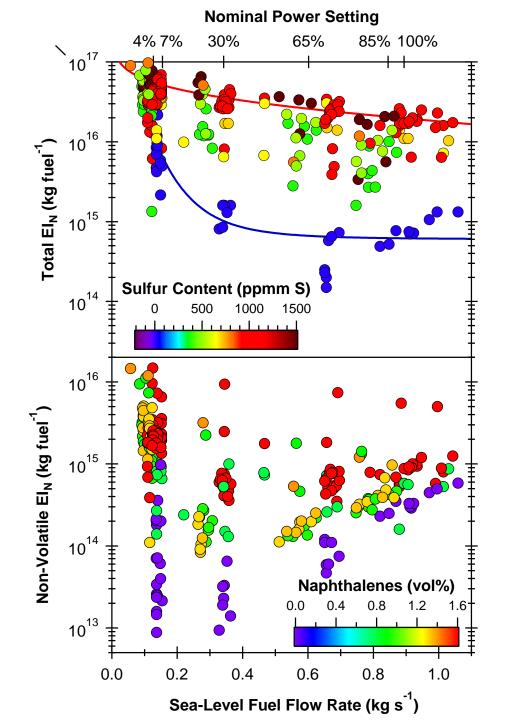
How do ACCESS-2 Results Compare to Past NASA Ground Tests?

Four Projects:

- 2004 APEX
- 2009 AAFEX-1
- 2011 AAFEX-2
- 2013 ACCESS-1

Fifteen different fuels, blends:

- JP-8 and Jet A
- Fischer Tropsch
- HEFA



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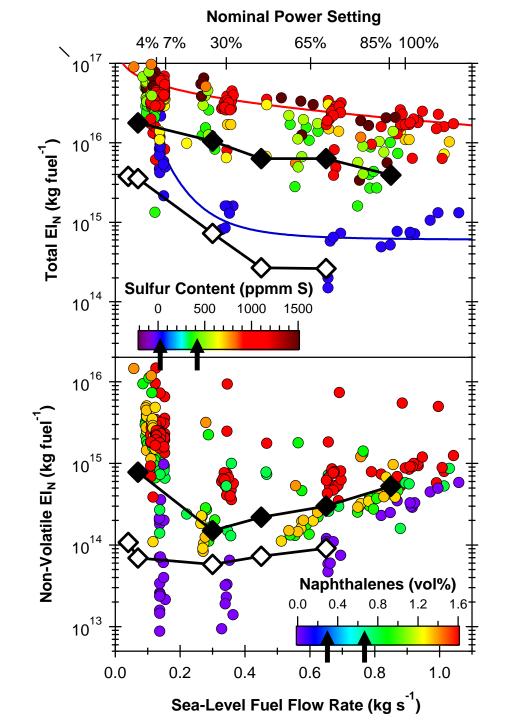
Medium-S Jet A (Solid Black):

- Sulfur ~ 426 ppm
- Naphthalenes ~ 0.7% (v/v)

50:50 Low-S Jet A / HEFA Blend (Open Black):

- Sulfur ~ 20 ppm
- Naphthalenes ~ 0.4% (v/v)

Good agreement with past NASA ground tests using a variety of jet fuels!

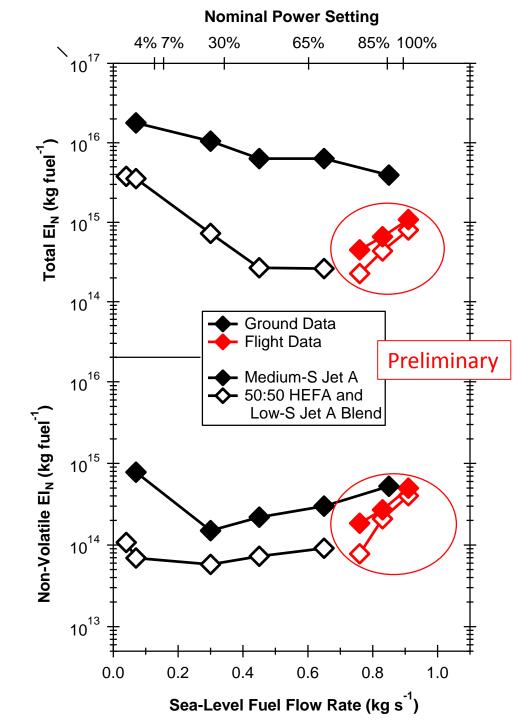


Putting it all together... ACCESS 2 Flight + Ground Measurements

Now superimposing the flight emissions indices w/o any corrections (shown in red)...

Same ballpark, but need to account for differences in combustor inlet conditions.

This work is ongoing in collaboration with partners at GE and Boeing.



Alternative-Fuel Effects on Contrails and Cruise Emissions (ACCESS)



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ACCESS Fuel Properties (Recap)





| Property | Medium Sulfur Jet A | Low Sulfur Jet A | HEFA: Low-S Jet A Blend | JP-8 | HEFA: JP-8 Blend |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| Density (kg/m³) | 810 | 810 | 789 | 806 | 784 |
| Sulfur (ppmM) | 426 | 8.5 | ~9.1 | 800 | 500 |
| Aromatics (vol%) | 20.8 | 20.8 | 12.9 | 16 | 8 |
| Heat of Combustion (MJ/kg) | 43.2 | 43.2 | 43.5 | 43.3 | 43.0 |
| Hydrogen, (wt%) | 13.8 | 13.7 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 14.4 |
| Napthalenes (vol%) | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| Olefins (%vol) | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 |